

61 N. 17th St.,
New York, April 5, 1846.

My Dear Garrison,

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Yours of the 27th ult.

found me much engaged in the preparations for issuing my first number of the Orange ~~Journal~~ ^{Journal}.

I found the office in great disorder, and the change in the form of the paper ~~imposed~~ involved much extra labor, ^{the} purchase of new material, &c.; then the running back and forth between Orange and New York consumed not a little valuable time. I mention these things only to excuse the delay in answering your letter. Ere this you have received the first issue of my paper, which I will leave to speak for itself. Of course I should

of the spirit moves. I wish you would send me a contribution to the Orange Journal
Yours
Wm. L. Chapin

not have ^{embarked in} ~~embarked in~~ ~~embarked in~~ this en-
terprise if I had not thought there
was a fair prospect of success. But
in these times all business ventures in-
volve serious risks, and I do not
conceal from myself the possibility
of failure. The Journal is nearly 22
years old. Though never well man-
aged, it has given its owners a
fair living; and as Orange is a
very intelligent, enterprising place,
and constantly growing in wealth
and population, it seems to me that
by improving the paper I ought to do
well. There was no ^{opening} ~~opening~~ for me
to work on salary, and I could not
live on what I have laid up; and
therefore I concluded to become my
own employer. I shall do my
best, hoping for moderate success.
Wardell has given me much en-
couragement and offered many help-

ful suggestions, and I went upon
the aid of his pen in time to come.
I am rather old, I know, to make
such a venture, but I am well
and strong, and never saw the day
when I had ~~more~~ greater power
to work than I have now. This
week we remove to Orange, where
we have engaged board. My first
number has been well received
by the people, and I feel much
encouraged.

I am very glad that you
are once more recovering your strength.
You have my tenderest sympathy in
your great trial. I can well under-
stand how your house, in spite of
the presence of children and
grand children, must sometimes seem
almost desolate. But you have an
unfailing source of consolation in
your views of a future life and in

your faith in the goodness of God.

You and I are drawing near the end of our earthly pilgrimage; but I contemplate the fact without dismay. I have a desire to live, if it may please God, to see my daughter a woman, and to do for her and my darling wife what I can; but I leave myself joyfully in the hands of him who doeth all things well.

I presume the Progressive Friends will hold their meeting this year at the usual time. Mr. Ames is now Clerk. It is by no means certain that I shall be able to attend, though I hope to do so. I trust you will be able to go.

Mrs. Johnson sends love to you and to all the children, in which I most earnestly unite. Our little pet is growing finely.

Yours, fondly,

Oliver Johnson.

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